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To: Director, Fish and Wildlife Service {Lead}

Director, Geological Survey

Director, Minerals Management Service

Director, National Park Service

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management

Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: Review of Proposed Rulemaking to Implement Amendment 10 to the Fishery

Management Plan (FMP) for the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery

(ER04/151) (Agency due date: March 29, 2004)

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has published the subject proposed rule in the <u>Federal Register</u> dated February 26, 2004. You may access the proposed rulemaking on the Internet at: http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/frcont04.html.

Please review the proposed rulemaking from your particular jurisdiction or special expertise and provide your comments to the Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, in Hadley, Massachusetts by March 17, 2004.

The Regional Director, FWS, will prepare and sign any Departmental comment so as to arrive at NMFS in Gloucester, Massachusetts by March 29, 2004. If there are intra-Departmental conflicts, the Regional Director will request the Regional Environmental Officer in Boston, Massachusetts to assist in their resolution. It is also requested that this office be furnished a copy of the comments.

Please supply all signed, paper comments and comments on disk or by electronic mail to the RD, FWS.

/s/ 2/26/04

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